

Figure S1: **Protein profile of the TCA precipitated supernatants.** Depicted are the protein profiles of the TCA precipitated supernatants of VWT (panel A, lane 1),  $V\Delta msbB\Delta ctxAB$  (panel A, lane 2), EWT (panel B, lane 1) or  $E\Delta msbB\Delta eltA$  (panel B, lane 2). Samples were separated by SDS-PAGE (15% gels) and protein bands were visualized according to Kang et al. (Kang et al., 2002). Lines to the left indicate the molecular masses of the protein standard in kDa. The corresponding immunoblot is presented in figure 2.